

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 6, 2004 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

Attached is a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450 to cover the extension fee.

Claims 1, 17 and 18 are currently amended. Claims 3-16 has been previously presented. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claims 2 and 7 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,501,514 to Townsend et al. Applicant's claim 1 has been currently amended. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Applicant's independent claim 1 has been currently amended to include the limitation of previously dependent claim 2. Claim 1 is currently amended to provide that when a selected viewing program is part of a series of programs, at a pre-determined time during or at the end of the selected program, an indication is generated by the broadcast data receiver to inform the viewer of details of the scheduled display of the next episode in the series of programs and the indication of when the next episode is being shown is based on information provided in a text display in the display screen. The '514 patent to Townsend et al does not include these features and, therefore, Applicant believes that currently amended claim 1 is novel over the '514 Townsend et al patent. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-6 and 8-18 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,501,514 to Townsend et al. Claims 4-6 and 8-16 depend on currently

amended independent claim 1 and are novel over the '514 Townsend et al patent for the same reasons as stated above.

Applicant's independent claims 17 and 18 have been currently amended to include the limitation of previously presented dependent claim 2. Currently amended claim 17 is directed toward a method of indicating to a viewer when a scheduled showing of a next episode in series of television programs is to occur wherein when an episode is identified, the broadcast data receiver generates an indication in the form of text on the display screen to inform the viewer of when the next episode of the program is to be shown. This feature is clearly not taught in the '514 patent to Townsend et al. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of Applicant's currently amended method claim 17 is requested.

Applicant's independent claim 18 has also been amended to include the limitation of previously presented claim 2. Currently amended claim 18 is directed toward a television system which includes as a part thereof a broadcast data receiver for receiving and processing digital data to allow video and/or text to be selectively viewed on a display screen. The broadcast data receiver has indication means for indicating to a viewer at a predetermined time details of the scheduled display of the next episode in a series of programs and wherein said indication means generate an indication in the form of text on the display screen. Applicant believes that currently amended claim 18 is novel over the '514 Townsend et al patent and therefore requests reconsideration of the rejection.

In summary, Applicant's currently amended independent claims 1, 17 and 18 include the limitation of previously presented claim 2, which includes a broadcast data receiver having indication means to indicate to the viewer when the next episode in a series of programs will be shown based on information provided in a text display in the display screen. This feature is neither

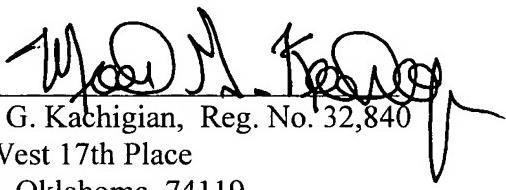
taught or suggested in the cited references. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is requested. If any further fees are associated with this action, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully Submitted

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